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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7711**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 268**

**DATE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2001**

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Voting systems reform fund.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Voting System Reform Fund to assist local election officials in updating their voting systems.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State would be required to administer the Voting System Improvement Fund. Money remaining in the Fund at the end of a state fiscal year would not revert back to the General Fund. All expenses to administrate the Fund must be paid out of the Fund. Money in the Fund is continuously appropriated for the purposes of the Fund.

The Election Division has indicated that no additional staff would be required to administer the Fund. As of August 2000, the Election Division had nine authorized full-time staff members. Of these positions the Division has two co-directors that would be able to oversee the Fund, and an additional staff member that could handle the administration of the Fund. The Division already oversees the Campaign Finance Enforcement Fund, similar in structure to the proposed fund, which is a non-reverting dedicated fund.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The Fund could receive appropriations from the General Assembly. The fund could also receive revenue from Federal funds and proceeds from bonds issued by the Indiana Bond Bank for improvement of voting systems. In the case of bonding, the proceeds must go for the improvement of voting systems as authorized by law. The Treasurer shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund and the interest is to be deposited in the fund. This bill does not make an appropriation.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Election Division, Indiana Bond Bank, Treasurer of State.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties.

**Information Sources:** Indiana Election Division.